# Commands SHELL

## bash

**Description:** bash is a command language interpreter. It is widely available on various operating systems and is a default command interpreter on most GNU/Linux systems. The name is an acronym for the 'Bourne-Again SHell'.

#### **Options:**

- -c string: Read and execute the commands in the string argument.
- -i: Start an interactive shell session.
- -1: Make bash act as if it had been invoked as a login shell.
- -r: Make bash act as if it had been invoked as a restricted shell.
- -s: Read commands from the standard input.
- -D: A list of all double-quoted strings preceded by \$ is printed on the standard output.

bash

## cat

**Description:** cat is a standard Unix utility that reads files sequentially, writing them to standard output. The name is derived from its function to concatenate files.

#### **Options:**

- -A, --show-all: Equivalent to -vET.
- -b, --number-nonblank: Number all nonempty output lines, starting with 1.
- -e: Equivalent to -vE.
- -E, --show-ends: Display a \$ after the end of each line.
- -n, --number: Number all output lines, starting with 1.
- -s, --squeeze-blank: Suppress repeated empty output lines.
- -t: Equivalent to -vT.
- -T, --show-tabs: Display TAB characters as ^I.
- -u: Disable output buffering.
- -v, --show-nonprinting: Display control characters.

cat

## cd

**Description:** cd is a command-line utility for changing the current working directory in operating systems.

- -L: Force symbolic links to be followed.
- -P: Use the physical directory structure without following symbolic links.

## chmod

**Description:** chmod is a command in Unix and Unix-like operating systems that allows to change the file mode bits of files and directories.

#### **Options:**

- -c, --changes: Like verbose but report only when a change is made.
- -f, --silent, --quiet: Suppress most error messages.
- -v, --verbose: Output a diagnostic for every file processed.
- -R, --recursive: Change files and directories recursively.

#### octal mode:

- 0: No permission.
- 1: Execute permission.
- 2: Write permission.
- 3: Write and execute permissions.
- 4: Read permission.
- 5: Read and execute permissions.
- 6: Read and write permissions.
- 7: Read, write, and execute permissions.

user: u, group: g, others: o, all: a. calculate the octal mode by adding the permissions for each user type.

#### example:

- chmod 700 file.txt -> user: read, write, execute; group: no permission; others: no permission.
- chmod 755 file.txt -> user: read, write, execute; group: read, execute; others: read, execute.
- chmod 644 file.txt -> user: read, write; group: read; others: read.

#### example of using the symbolic mode:

- chmod u+x file.txt -> add execute permission to the user.
- chmod g-w file.txt -> remove write permission from the group.
- chmod o=r file.txt -> set read permission to others.
- chmod a=rwx file.txt -> set read, write, and execute permissions to all.

chmod

## chown

**Description:** chown is a command-line utility that changes the user and/or group ownership of a file or directory.

#### **Options:**

- -c, --changes: Like verbose but report only when a change is made.
- -f, --silent, --quiet: Suppress most error messages.
- -v, --verbose: Output a diagnostic for every file processed.
- -R, --recursive: Change files and directories recursively.

#### example:

- chown user:group file.txt: change the user and group ownership of the file.
- chown user file.txt: change the user ownership of the file.
- chown :group file.txt: change the group ownership of the file.

chown

## chgrp

**Description:** chgrp is a command-line utility that changes the group ownership of a file or directory.

#### **Options:**

- -c, --changes: Like verbose but report only when a change is made.
- -f, --silent, --quiet: Suppress most error messages.
- -v, --verbose: Output a diagnostic for every file processed.
- -R, --recursive: Change files and directories recursively.

#### example:

• chgrp group file.txt: change the group ownership of the file.

chgrp

## clear

**Description:** clear is a command-line utility that clears the terminal screen.

clear

## Ср

**Description:** cp is a command-line utility for copying files and directories.

#### **Options:**

- -a, --archive: Preserve as much as possible of the structure and attributes of the original files in the copy.
- -b, --backup: Make a backup of each existing destination file.
- -f, --force: If an existing destination file cannot be opened, remove it and try again.
- -i, --interactive: Prompt whether to overwrite an existing destination file.
- -R, --recursive: Copy directories recursively.
- -p, --preserve: Preserve the specified attributes of the original files.
- -u, --update: Copy only when the source file is newer than the destination file or when the destination file is missing.
- -v, --verbose: Print the name of each file before copying it.

ср

**Description:** date is a command-line utility that displays the current date and time.

### **Options:**

- -d, --date: Display the date and time specified in the argument.
- -u, --utc: Display the date and time in Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).
- -R, --rfc-2822: Display the date and time in RFC 2822 format.
- -I, --iso-8601: Display the date and time in ISO 8601 format.
- -r, --reference: Display the date and time of the file specified in the argument.
- -s, --set: Set the date and time to the value specified in the argument.

date

### diff

**Description:** diff is a command-line utility for comparing files line by line.

#### **Options:**

- -c, --context: Output three lines of context around each difference.
- -u, --unified: Output three lines of unified context around each difference.
- -n, --rcs: Output an RCS format diff.
- -y, --side-by-side: Output in two columns.
- -W, --width: Output at most n (default 130) print columns.
- -l, --paginate: Pass the output through pr to paginate it.
- -i, --ignore-case: Ignore case differences in file contents.
- -b, --ignore-space-change: Ignore changes in the amount of white space.
- -B, --ignore-blank-lines: Ignore changes whose lines are all blank.
- -a, --text: Treat all files as text and compare them line by line.
- -q, --brief: Output only whether files differ.
- -s, --report-identical-files: Output only whether files are identical.
- -r, --recursive: Recursively compare any subdirectories found.
- -N, --new-file: Treat absent files as empty.
- -d, --minimal: Try to find a smaller set of changes.
- --normal: Output a normal diff.

diff

## echo

**Description:** echo is a command-line utility that prints the specified text to the standard output.

#### **Options:**

- -n: Do not output the trailing newline.
- -e: Enable interpretation of backslash escapes.

echo

**Description:** env is a command-line utility that runs another command with a modified environment.

#### **Options:**

- -1: Clear the environment before running the command.
- -u: Remove variable from the environment.

env

### exit

**Description:** exit is a command-line utility that terminates the shell.

exit

## export

**Description:** export is a command-line utility that sets an environment variable.

export

#### grep

**Description:** grep is a command-line utility for searching plain-text data sets for lines that match a regular expression.

### **Options:**

- -c, --count: Suppress normal output; instead, print a count of matching lines for each input file.
- -i, --ignore-case: Ignore case distinctions in both the PATTERN and the input files.
- -v, --invert-match: Invert the sense of matching, to select non-matching lines.
- -w, --word-regexp: Select only those lines containing matches that form whole words.
- -x, --line-regexp: Select only those matches that exactly match the whole line.
- -f, --file: Obtain patterns from FILE, one per line.
- -r, --recursive: Read all files under each directory, recursively.
- -n, --line-number: Prefix each line of output with the 1-based line number within its input file.
- -h, --no-filename: Suppress the prefixing of file names on output.
- -o, --only-matching: Print only the matched (non-empty) parts of a matching line, with each such part on a separate output line.
- -q, --quiet, --silent: Quiet; do not write anything to standard output.
- -s, --no-messages: Suppress error messages about nonexistent or unreadable files.
- -z, --null-data: Treat input and output data as sequences of lines, each terminated by a zero byte (the ASCII NUL character) instead of a newline.
- --binary-files: Determine how to deal with binary files.
- --text: Treat all files as text.

#### speciale characters:

- .: Any single character.
- ^: The beginning of a line.
- \$: The end of a line.
- []: Any one of the characters inside the square brackets.
- [^]: Any character that is not inside the square brackets.
- \*: Zero or more of the preceding character.
- +: One or more of the preceding character.
- ?: Zero or one of the preceding character.
- : Alternation.
- (): Grouping.
- \: Escape the next character.
- {}: Specify the number of occurrences of the preceding character.

#### examples of special characters:

- grep '^a' file.txt: lines that start with the letter 'a'.
- grep 'a\$' file.txt: lines that end with the letter 'a'.
- grep 'a.' file.txt: lines that have the letter 'a' followed by any character.
- grep 'a\*' file.txt: lines that have the letter 'a' followed by zero or more characters.
- grep 'a+' file.txt: lines that have the letter 'a' followed by one or more characters.
- grep 'a?' file.txt: lines that have the letter 'a' followed by zero or one character.
- grep 'a|b' file.txt: lines that have the letter 'a' or the letter 'b'.
- grep 'a(b|c)' file.txt: lines that have the letter 'a' followed by the letter 'b' or the letter 'c'.
- grep 'a{2}' file.txt: lines that have the letter 'a' repeated two times.
- grep 'a{2,4}' file.txt: lines that have the letter 'a' repeated from two to four times.
- grep 'a{2,}' file.txt: lines that have the letter 'a' repeated two or more times.
- grep 'a{,4}' file.txt: lines that have the letter 'a' repeated up to four times.
- grep 'a[bc]' file.txt: lines that have the letter 'a' followed by the letter 'b' or the letter 'c'.
- grep 'a[^bc]' file.txt: lines that have the letter 'a' followed by any character that is not the letter 'b' or the letter 'c'.
- grep 'a[b-d]' file.txt: lines that have the letter 'a' followed by the letter 'b', 'c', or 'd'.
- grep 'a[^b-d]' file.txt: lines that have the letter 'a' followed by any character that is not the letter 'b', 'c', or 'd'.
- grep 'a[a-z]' file.txt: lines that have the letter 'a' followed by any lowercase letter.
- grep 'a [a-zA-Z]' file.txt: lines that have the letter 'a' followed by any letter.
- grep 'a[0-9]' file.txt: lines that have the letter 'a' followed by any digit.
- grep 'a[0-9a-f]' file.txt: lines that have the letter 'a' followed by any digit or the letter 'a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', or 'f'.

grep

#### head

**Description:** head is a command-line utility that prints the first N lines of a file.

#### **Options:**

• -n, --lines: Print the first N lines of each file.

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• +N: Start displaying the file from the Nth line.

#### examples:

- head -n 5 file.txt: print the first 5 lines of the file.
- head -n -5 file.txt: print all lines except the last 5 lines of the file.
- head -n +5 file.txt: print all lines starting from the 5th line of the file.

head

id

**Description:** id is a command-line utility that prints the user and group IDs of the current user.

id

inhibition "

**Description:** inhibition is a command-line utility that prevents the shell from interpreting special characters.

### example:

- echo 'Hello, World!': print the text as it is.
- echo "Hello, World!": print the text as it is.
- echo '\$HOME': print the text as it is. Do not interpret the variable.

'command'

kill

**Description:** kill is a command-line utility that sends a signal to a process.

#### **Options:**

- -l, --list: List the signal names.
- -s, --signal: Specify the signal to send.

kill

In

**Description:** In is a command-line utility that creates a link to a file.

- -s, --symbolic: Create a symbolic link.
- -f, --force: Remove existing destination files.
- -i, --interactive: Prompt whether to remove existing destination files.

- -n, --no-dereference: Treat destination files as a normal file if they are symbolic links.
- -v, --verbose: Print the name of each file before linking it.

ln

ls

**Description:** Is is a command-line utility that lists files and directories.

### **Options:**

- -a, --all: Include directory entries whose names begin with a dot.
- -A, --almost-all: Include directory entries whose names begin with a dot, except for the . and .. entries.
- -c: Use time of last modification of the file status information for sorting.
- -C: List entries by columns.
- -d, --directory: List directory entries instead of contents.
- -f: Do not sort; list entries in directory order.
- -g: Like -I, but do not list owner.
- -h, --human-readable: Print sizes in human-readable format.
- -i, --inode: Print the index number of each file.
- -l: List in long format.
- -m: List entries by rows.
- -n: List numeric user and group IDs.
- -q, --hide-control-chars: Print? instead of nongraphic characters.
- -Q, --quote-name: Quote file names with double quotes.
- -r, --reverse: Reverse order while sorting.
- -R, --recursive: List subdirectories recursively.
- -s, --size: Print the allocated size of each file, in blocks.
- -S: Sort by file size.
- -t: Sort by modification time.
- -u: Use time of last access for sorting.
- -v: Sort by version.
- -w, --width: Set screen width to n columns.
- -x: List entries by lines instead of by columns.
- -X: Sort alphabetically by entry extension.
- -1: List one file per line.

ls

#### man

**Description** man is a command-line utility that displays the manual pages.

- -k, --apropos: Search the manual page names and descriptions.
- -f, --whatis: Search the manual page names.
- -w, --where: Show the locations of the manual pages.
- -l, --local-file: Show the location of the manual page source file.

- -S, --sections: List the manual page sections.
- -7: Display the manual page in ASCII format.

man

## mkdir

**Description:** mkdir is a command-line utility that creates directories.

#### **Options:**

- -m, --mode: Set the file mode.
- -p, --parents: Create parent directories as needed.
- -v, --verbose: Print a message for each created directory.

mkdir

#### more

**Description:** more is a command-line utility that displays the contents of a file one screen at a time.

#### **Options:**

- -d: Display help.
- -f: Count logical rather than screen lines.
- -1: Ignore form feeds.
- −p: Do not scroll.
- −c: Do not scroll.
- -s: Squeeze multiple blank lines.
- -u: Suppress underlining.
- -n: Specify the number of lines per screen.

more

## mv

Description: mv is a command-line utility that moves files and directories. It can also rename files and directories.

- -b, --backup: Make a backup of each existing destination file.
- -f, --force: If an existing destination file cannot be opened, remove it and try again.
- -i, --interactive: Prompt whether to overwrite an existing destination file.
- -n, --no-clobber: Do not overwrite an existing file.
- -u, --update: Move only when the source file is newer than the destination file or when the destination file is missing.
- -v, --verbose: Print the name of each file before moving it.

## piping |

**Description:** piping is a command-line utility that connects the output of one command to the input of another command.

#### example:

- cat file.txt | grep 'a': search for the letter 'a' in the file.
- ls -l | grep 'file': search for files in the current directory.
- ls -l | grep 'file' | wc -l: count the number of files in the current directory.

command1 | command2

## ps

**Description:** ps is a command-line utility that displays information about processes.

#### **Options:**

- -a: Display information about other users' processes.
- -A: Display information about all processes.
- -c: Display the command name.
- -e: Display information about all processes.
- -f: Display full-format listing.
- -H: Display a tree of processes.
- -1: Display long format.
- -p: Display information about the specified process IDs.
- -r: Display processes in reverse order.
- -t: Display information about the specified terminal.
- -u: Display information about the specified user.
- –x: Display information about processes without controlling terminals.

ps

## pwd

**Description:** pwd is a command-line utility that prints the current working directory.

#### **Options:**

- -L: Print the logical current working directory.
- -P: Print the physical current working directory.

pwd

**Description:** read is a command-line utility that reads a line from the standard input.

#### **Options:**

- -p: Display the prompt.
- -r: Do not allow backslashes to escape any characters.
- -s: Do not echo input coming from a terminal.
- -t: Time out and return failure if a complete line of input is not read within n seconds.
- -u: Read input from the specified file descriptor.

read

## redirecting >

**Description:** redirecting is a command-line utility that redirects the output of a command to a file.

### example:

- ls -l > file.txt: save the output of the command to a file.
- echo 'Hello, World!' > file.txt: save the text to a file.
- cat file.txt > file2.txt: copy the content of the file to another file.

command > file.txt

## redirecting >>

**Description:** redirecting is a command-line utility that appends the output of a command to a file.

#### example:

- ls -l >> file.txt: append the output of the command to a file.
- echo 'Hello, World!' >> file.txt: append the text to a file.
- cat file.txt >> file2.txt: append the content of the file to another file.

command >> file.txt

## redirecting <

**Description:** redirecting is a command-line utility that redirects the input of a command from a file.

#### example:

- grep 'a' < file.txt: search for the letter 'a' in the file.
- wc -l < file.txt: count the number of lines in the file.

command < file.txt</pre>

**Description:** redirecting is a command-line utility that redirects the input of a command from a string.

#### example:

- grep 'a' << 'Hello, World!': search for the letter 'a' in the string.
- wc -l << 'Hello, World!': count the number of lines in the string.

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command << 'string'</pre>
```

## redirecting < >

**Description:** redirecting is a command-line utility that redirects the input of a command from a file and the output of the command to another file.

#### example:

- grep 'a' < file.txt > output.txt: search for the letter 'a' in the file and save the output to a file.
- wc -l < file.txt > output.txt: count the number of lines in the file and save the output to a file.

```
command < file.txt > output.txt
```

## redirecting < >>

**Description:** redirecting is a command-line utility that redirects the input of a command from a file and appends the output of the command to another file.

#### example:

- grep 'a' < file.txt >> output.txt: search for the letter 'a' in the file and append the output to a file.
- wc -l < file.txt >> output.txt: count the number of lines in the file and append the output to a file.

```
command < file.txt >> output.txt
```

## redirecting << >

**Description:** redirecting is a command-line utility that redirects the input of a command from a string and the output of the command to a file.

#### example:

- grep 'a' << 'Hello, World!' > output.txt: search for the letter 'a' in the string and save the output to a file.
- wc -l << 'Hello, World!' > output.txt: count the number of lines in the string and save the output to a
  file.

```
command << 'string' > output.txt
```

## redirecting << >>

**Description:** redirecting is a command-line utility that redirects the input of a command from a string and appends the output of the command to a file.

#### example:

- grep 'a' << 'Hello, World!' >> output.txt: search for the letter 'a' in the string and append the output to a file.
- wc -l << 'Hello, World!' >> output.txt: count the number of lines in the string and append the output
  to a file.

```
command << 'string' >> output.txt
```

## redirecting 2>

**Description:** redirecting is a command-line utility that redirects the error output of a command to a file.

### example file output:

- /dev/null: discard the output.
- error.txt: save the output to a file.
- 2>&1: redirect the error output to the standard output.
- /dev/tty: write the output to the terminal.

#### example:

- ls -l 2> error.txt: save the error output of the command to a file.
- echo 'Hello, World!' 2> error.txt: save the error text to a file.
- cat file.txt 2> error.txt: copy the content of the file to another file.

```
command 2> error.txt
```

## redirecting 2>&1

**Description:** redirecting is a command-line utility that redirects the error output of a command to the standard output.

#### example:

- ls -l 2>&1: redirect the error output of the command to the standard output.
- echo 'Hello, World!' 2>&1: redirect the error text to the standard output.
- cat file.txt 2>&1: copy the content of the file to the standard output.

```
command 2>&1
```

## redirecting 1>&2

**Description:** redirecting is a command-line utility that redirects the standard output of a command to the error output.

#### example:

• ls -l 1>&2: redirect the standard output of the command to the error output.

- echo 'Hello, World!' 1>&2: redirect the text to the error output.
- cat file.txt 1>&2: copy the content of the file to the error output.

command 1>&2

## redirecting &>

**Description:** redirecting is a command-line utility that redirects the standard output and error output of a command to a file.

### example file output:

- /dev/null: discard the output.
- error.txt: save the output to a file.
- 2>&1: redirect the error output to the standard output.
- /dev/tty: write the output to the terminal.

#### example:

- ls -1 &> output.txt: save the output of the command to a file.
- echo 'Hello, World!' &> output.txt: save the text to a file.
- cat file.txt &> output.txt: copy the content of the file to another file.

command &> output.txt

#### rev

**Description:** rev is a command-line utility that reverses the characters in each line of a file.

rev

#### rm

**Description:** rm is a command-line utility that removes files and directories.

## **Options:**

- -f, --force: Ignore nonexistent files and do not prompt.
- -i: Prompt before every removal.
- -r, --recursive: Remove directories and their contents recursively.
- -v, --verbose: Explain what is being done.
- -d, --dir: Remove empty directories.
- -I: Prompt once before removing more than three files or when removing recursively.
- -P: Prompt before every removal.
- -R: Remove directories and their contents recursively.
- -v: Explain what is being done.

rm

## rmdir

**Description:** rmdir is a command-line utility that removes empty directories.

#### **Options:**

- -p, --parents: Remove parent directories if they are empty.
- -v, --verbose: Print a message for each removed directory.

rmdir

### sh

**Description:** sh is a command-line utility that runs the Bourne shell.

#### **Options:**

- -c: Read commands from the string argument.
- -i: Start an interactive shell session.
- -s: Read commands from the standard input.
- D: A list of all double-quoted strings preceded by \$ is printed on the standard output.
- -x: Print commands and their arguments as they are executed.

sh

#### sort

**Description:** sort is a command-line utility that sorts lines of text files.

- -b, --ignore-leading-blanks: Ignore leading blanks.
- -d, --dictionary-order: Consider only blanks and alphanumeric characters.
- -f, --ignore-case: Fold lower case to upper case characters.
- -g, --general-numeric-sort: Compare according to general numerical value.
- -i, --ignore-nonprinting: Ignore nonprinting characters.
- -M, --month-sort: Compare (unknown) < 'JAN' < ... < 'DEC'.
- -n, --numeric-sort: Compare according to string numerical value.
- -r, --reverse: Reverse the result of comparisons.
- -R, --random-sort: Sort by random hash of keys.
- -V, --version-sort: Natural sort of (version) numbers within text.
- -c, --check: Check whether the input is sorted.
- -o, --output: Write result to the specified file.
- -s, --stable: Stabilize sort by disabling last-resort comparison.
- -t, --field-separator: Use the specified field separator.
- -k, --key: Sort via a key; KEYDEF gives location and type.
- -m, --merge: Merge already sorted files.
- -u, --unique: Suppress lines that are repeated.
- -z, --zero-terminated: End lines with 0 byte, not newline.

sort

#### tail

**Description:** tail is a command-line utility that displays the last N lines of a file.

#### **Options:**

- -n. --lines: Print the last N lines of each file.
- -f, --follow: Output appended data as the file grows.
- -F: Same as --follow=name --retry.
- -c, --bytes: Print the last N bytes of each file.
- -q, --quiet, --silent: Never output headers giving file names.
- -v, --verbose: Always output headers giving file names.
- --pid: With -f, terminate after the process with the given PID dies.
- —max—unchanged—stats: With --follow=name, reopen a FILE which has not changed size after N (default 5) iterations to see if it has been unlinked or renamed (this is the usual case of rotated log files). With inotify, this option is rarely useful.

#### examples:

- tail -n 5 file.txt: print the last 5 lines of the file.
- tail -n +5 file.txt: print all lines starting from the 5th line of the file.
- tail -n -5 file.txt: print all lines except the last 5 lines of the file.

tail

## tee

**Description:** tee is a command-line utility that reads from the standard input and writes to the standard output and files.

#### **Options:**

- -a, --append: Append to the given files.
- -i, --ignore-interrupts: Ignore interrupt signals.
- -p, --output-error: Write the error messages to standard error.
- -u, --unbuffered: Write to standard output without buffering.

#### example:

- ls -l | tee file.txt: save the output of the command to a file.
- echo 'Hello, World!' | tee file.txt: save the text to a file.
- cat file.txt | tee file2.txt: copy the content of the file to another file.

tee

## touch

**Description:** touch is a command-line utility that changes file timestamps. If the file does not exist, it creates an empty file.

#### **Options:**

- -a: Change the access time.
- -c: Do not create the file if it does not exist.
- -d: Use the specified time.
- -m: Change the modification time.
- -r: Use the timestamp of the specified file.
- -t: Use the specified time.

#### example:

- touch file.txt: create an empty file.
- touch -d '2022-01-01 12:00:00' file.txt: change the timestamp of the file.
- touch -r file.txt file2.txt: change the timestamp of the file to another file.

touch

#### WC

**Description:** we is a command-line utility that counts the number of lines, words, and characters in a file.

#### **Options:**

- -c, --bytes: Print the byte counts.
- -m, --chars: Print the character counts.
- -l, --lines: Print the newline counts.
- -L, --max-line-length: Print the length of the longest line.
- -w, --words: Print the word counts.

WC

## whereis

**Description:** whereis is a command-line utility that locates the binary, source, and manual page files for a command.

#### **Options:**

- -b: Search for binaries.
- -m: Search for manual pages.
- -s: Search for sources.

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## which

**Description:** which is a command-line utility that locates the binary files of a command.

#### **Options:**

• -a: Print all matching executables in PATH, not just the first.

- -s: No output, just return 0 if any of the executables are found, or 1 if none are found.
- -v: Print a more verbose output.

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## who

**Description:** who is a command-line utility that displays information about logged-in users.

#### **Options:**

- -a: Print all information.
- -b: Time of the last system boot.
- -d: Time of the last system down.
- -H: Write column headings above the regular output.
- -1: Print system login processes.
- -m: Only hostname and user associated with stdin.
- -q: Quick login status.
- -r: Current runlevel.
- -s: List only the name, line, and time fields.
- -t: Print last system clock change.
- -T: Print current and last system clock change.
- -u: Print the idle time for logged-in users.
- -w: Print system login processes.

who